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1. 2006 Pollution Prevention Intern Program to kick off sixth year

2006 POLLUTION PREVENTION INTERN PROGRAM TO KICK OFF SIXTH YEAR

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DES MOINES – The Iowa Department of Natural Resources' Pollution Prevention Intern Program has saved Iowa companies more than \$26 million in the past five years. Along with impressive economic gains, the program has conserved 691 million gallons of water, diverted more than 94,000 tons of solid waste from the landfill, and decreased energy use by 74 million kWh, among other environmental savings.

A ceremony was held on Wednesday, May 24 to honor this year's 40 student interns and 38 host companies. The recognition ceremony was a highlight event during a week of training in pollution prevention concepts and technologies that the interns completed before beginning projects at the host companies. Jeffrey Vonk, director of the DNR and Liz Christiansen, deputy director of the DNR were on hand to award this summer's participants.

"The program has worked to build sustainability based on the 'triple bottom line' – to benefit the economy, the environment, and society as a whole," said Vonk. "We are excited to see the results of this year's program."

Two interns from the People, Prosperity and the Planet P3 Exchange Program were honored at the ceremony. Daniel Diaz Saez, of Chile and Erendira Ayala Vargas, of Mexico, recently completed pollution prevention internships with the University of Iowa Facilities Management staff.

Interns from Ohio and Kansas participated in Iowa's training and were recognized for participation in pollution prevention intern programs in their states. The Iowa DNR is assisting these states in implementing intern programs.

The Pollution Prevention Intern Program provides a forum for government, academia and business to partner in improving Iowa's environment. The non-regulatory, 12-week summer program focuses on the reduction of air, land and water pollution.

The 2006 Pollution Prevention Intern Program companies and students are as follows:

Archer Daniels Midland
Clinton

Intern: Brian Ng, Iowa State University

Alcan Packaging
Des Moines

Intern: Sean Duffy, University of Iowa

Cargill
Eddyville

Intern: David Salazar, University of Iowa

Carleton Life Support Systems
Davenport

Intern: David Burgfechtel, Iowa State University

Electrolux Major Appliances
Webster City

Intern: Abbas Naqvi, Iowa State University

Federal-Mogul Corporation
Burlington

Intern: Bret Ulery, University of Iowa

Gelita USA
Sergeant Bluff

Intern: Kathleen Doherty, University of Iowa

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Intern: Amanda Helgeson, Iowa State University

GKN Armstrong Wheels, Inc.
Armstrong

Intern: Daniel Schimpf, University of Iowa

Graham Division of AADG, Inc.
Mason City

Abraiz Sajjad, Iowa State University

H.J. Heinz
Muscatine

Intern: Kathryn Cannady, University of Iowa

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Conservation and Recreation Division

Intern: Jeff Miller, University of Dubuque

Iowa Soybean Association
Urbandale

Intern: Randy Swestka, Iowa State University

IPSCO Steel
Muscatine

Intern: Eldon Schneider, University of Iowa

John Deere Dubuque Works

Dubuque

Intern: Jeffrey Bartels, Iowa State University

Koehring Cranes, Inc., a subsidiary of Terex Cranes, Inc.

Waverly

Intern: Muhammad Ali, Iowa State University

Kraft Foods Global Inc.

Mason City

Intern: Ryan Hulleman, Iowa State University

Loparex, Inc.

Iowa City

Intern: Policarpio Soberanis, University of Iowa

Mercy Medical Center

Cedar Rapids

Intern: Eric Neverman, University of Iowa

National Veterinary Services Laboratories and Center for Veterinary Biologics

Ames

Intern: Chad Bass, Iowa State University

Nichols Aluminum

Davenport

Intern: Karen Pang, Iowa State University

Nutra-Flo

Sioux City

Intern: James Kleinedler, Iowa State University

Osceola Foods, LLC

Osceola

Intern: Dana Weir, University of Iowa

Pinnacle Foods Group Inc.

Fort Madison

Intern: Amir Shadlu, Iowa State University

Polaris Industries, Inc.

Spirit Lake

Intern: Anup Pudasaini, University of Iowa

Procter & Gamble

Iowa City

Intern: Joe Charlson, Iowa State University

Rockwell Collins, Inc.

Cedar Rapids

Intern: Ivy Donaldson, University of Iowa

Rousselot Dubuque

Dubuque

Intern: RaShelle Russell, University of Iowa

Sara Lee Food and Beverage

Storm Lake

Intern: Paul Wilhelm, Iowa State University

St. Luke's Hospital

Cedar Rapids

Intern: Rachael Collier, University of Iowa

Textron Fastening Systems

Decorah

Intern: Joel Logan, Iowa State University

Titan Tire Corporation

Des Moines

Intern: Justin Clegg, Iowa State University

Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc.

Waterloo

Intern: Daniel Francis, Iowa State University

VA Medical Center

Iowa City

Intern: Holly Moriarty, University of Iowa

Wells' Dairy, Inc.

Le Mars

Intern: Brian Kalina, Iowa State University

West Liberty Foods, LLC

West Liberty

Intern: Eric Flower, University of Iowa

Wood Harbor Doors and Cabinetry

Mason City

Intern: Trucy Phan, University of Iowa